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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN TRADE UNION CENTER CRITICISM OF
BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT

1. THE POWERFUL CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS OF VENEZUELA (CTV) EXPRESSED "SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKING CLASS AND PEOPLE OF BOLIVIA" IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT HUNGER STRIKE THERE. IN A QUARTER PAGE NOTICE PUBLISHED JANUARY 20 IN A LEADING DAILY (EL UNIVERSAL) THE CTV NOTED THAT "THE DICTATORSHIP OF GENERAL BANZER HAS INCREASED REPRESSION" IN THE FACE OF THE PROTEST. THE NOTICE POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSED "LEVER" ELECTORAL PROCESS WAS ANNOUNCED "WITH THE JAILS FULL OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, WITH HUNDREDS OF DEMOCRATIC LEADERS IN EXILE." TEN WERE NAMED, INCLUDING BOLIVIAN EX-PRESIDENT HERNAN SILES ZUAZO. IT WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THE DISOLUTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES, THE PERSECUTION OF THEIR LEADERS, THE CONTINUED INTERVENTION OF THE TRADE UNIONS IN VIOLATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87, THE DEPRIVATION OF JOBS IN THE MINES AND THE ARREST AND PERSECUTION OF TRADE UNION LEADERS. THE CTV DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE LIBERTY OF TRADE UNION PRISONERS, THE RETURN OF THOSE IN

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EXILE AND THE RESTORATION OF JOBS TO DISMISSED MINERS. THE NOTICE IDENTIFIES THE CTV AS AN AFFILIATE OF THE ICFTU AND ORIT.

2. COMMENT: THE CTV EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE BOLIVIAN HUNGER STRIKERS IS CONSISTENT WITH ITS CONTINUED ADVOCACY OF HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS IN LATIN

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